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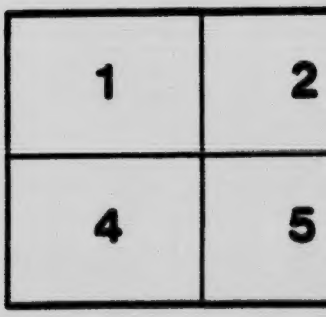

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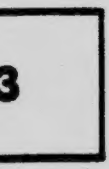

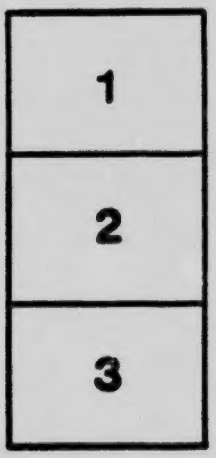

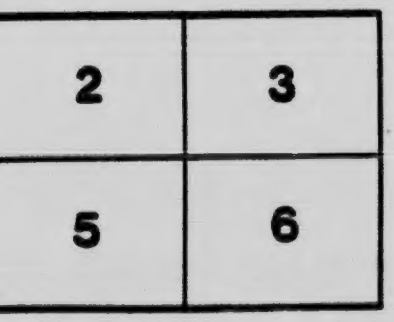

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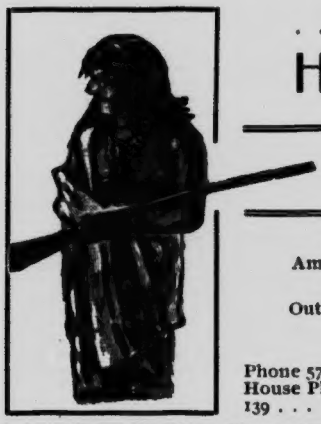

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THE American tourist arriving at the border has usually proceeded up into the Highlands of Ontario or down the St. Lawrence River, while others have rushed through Canada without even thinking of the vast limitless tracks of navigable waters and scenery of endless variety that many of the island water courses hold out to the lover of nature. But we would now direct his attention to a few of the points on the Canadian shores of that large [illegible] water, Lake Huron, and among which we [illegible] oose Goderich.

The popularity of this resort has become so marked that during the past year mammoth hotels have been erected at a cost of thousands of dollars to accommodate the ever-increasing travel which is finding its way into these parts. As a grand tour this northern country offers a fresh and varied trip through the landscape beauties of Ontario, and has but to be better known to tempt from the well-known ways of travel the wayfarer in search of new scenes, fresh air and health.

Harbor Park, Goderich.

The great attractions in this district appeal to families and those desiring rest and recreation in the quietude of a lakeside town or village.

The bathing beach is perfect, sandy and quiet safe for children, the air is pure and full of ozone, the boating is capital, and in most of the places good fishing may be had. Beautiful country drives are a diversion that can be indulged in, and perfect rest and quietness can be secured.

If the tourist prefers seclusion, comfortable furnished summer cottages are to be had at reasonable rates.

To those who do not wish to incur the expense of a visit to the more fashionable resorts, no place

Harbor and River, Goderich, Ont.

offers a more attractive claim for summer rest and healthful sojourn than on the shores of Lake Huron. Canada's summer climate is the admiration of the world; and the summer breezes that come over the breast of the blue Lake Huron are the messengers of health, and refreshing to all who are fanned by them.

Nature has done much to render Goderich a most attractive spot, and so has the hand of man. It stands 120 feet above the level of the lake, with two sides falling abruptly toward the lake and the river. Perfect drainage is thus afforded, and the municipal authorities are taking advantage of it, the result being a perfect system of sewerage, which carries off

the water in an hour or two after the rain has ceased to fall. It has been known to rain all night in Goderich, and a few hours after sunrise not a vestige of the night's downpour could be seen by the summer visitor who, perhaps, with slippered feet lounged easily around the grounds of his hotel, or along the broad streets of the smiling town. Wooden sidewalks are not needed in Goderich. Mud is an unknown quantity, owing to natural and applied drainage, and a system of pavement prevails.

The site of the town was carefully chosen and laid out on a plan peculiar and admirable. Occupying a plateau overlooking the lake, and gently sloping toward the latter, the situation is one

Sunset on Lake Huron.

that has long commanded admiration. The county court house, a handsome stone structure, stands in the centre of the town and is encircled with a beautiful park, in which flowers of every hue, shrubs of various kinds and handsome shade trees abound, faced with many of the principal places of business, which encompass the park on all sides. A park surrounded by business blocks is a sight not often seen. The places of business around this square, or octagon, have a frontage of about a third of a mile. The roadway between Court House Park and the stores is wide and level, and is a most popular carriage drive, and equally popular with riders of the wheel. Springing from this common

View from Menesetung Park.

center—the embowered Court House—run eight streets, crossed at intervals in a fashion to suggest a spider web. All the streets are much wider than the ordinary, and long avenues of the choicest shade trees, of which the umbrageous maple and the shapely horse chestnut are the most plentiful, line their sides. The vista looking up or down North Street, through the dense foliage, is one calculated to ravish the gaze of the lover of sylvan beauty.

What is known as the Harbor Park is several acres planted with shade and fruit trees, commanding a grand view of the harbor and of the great lake stretching beyond. Here are seats for those who frequent its inviting quarters, and on the slope of the hill is many a coy nook, embowered by cedars, where picnickers can enjoy a quiet time "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife" while yet on the town side of the commodious harbor. The park is the favorite resort of the excursion parties that throng Goderich, and the music of bands is often heard during the summer months.

"The Wheelmen's Paradise" is the name now universally bestowed upon Goderich by the cycling press. In the town, and for miles around it, are what are acknowledged to be the finest runs for wheelmen in the world. The roads are well graveled, thoroughly drained, and present a surface that delights the man who sits on the saddle of a fleet, well-conditioned bicycle.

At the foot of the hill, within walking distance of the harbor docks, are two mineral springs gushing from the earth at a great depth, and flowing freely winter and summer, defying alike the heat and cold. These waters contain iron and sulphur in a mild form, and medical men speak highly of their value. The waters are free, and confirmed dyspeptics have been cured by their use. The water is pleasant to the taste, the iron and sulphur being barely discernible.

SPORT FOR ANGLERS.

The hotel accommodation at Goderich is very good and rates most reasonable. A large new summer hotel was completed last year, and is known as the Hotel Goderich, with accommodation for 200 guests. This resort has been erected at an outlay of thousands of dollars, and is situated on the shore of the lake at an elevation of about 60 feet, and has a good road down to the magnificent beach, which is to be found all along the shore at this point. Bathers can wade out to any depth and bath houses are provided for dressing and dressing. The hotel is within ten minutes' walk of the Grand Trunk Railway Station.

Another very pleasant and comfortable hostelry is The Menesetung, a resort situated on the opposite

The Menesetung, Goderich, Ont.

side of the harbor, at a distance of one mile. This resort is situated in the heart of a well-wooded district, and has all the attributes of a well-run establishment, and offers quietude to those looking for rest and health. The Menesetung has accommodation for 100 guests, and the surroundings are really beautiful.

Goderich is situated at such a high altitude, and the climatic conditions are of such a nature that the atmosphere is a sure panacea for hay-fever.

The amusements are various and the hotel is supplied with modern conveniences.

The Point Farm, Goderich, Ont.

Another very popular summer resort at Goderich is "The Point Farm," situated about four miles north of the town, with accommodation for 200 guests. This hotel is delightfully located on a high bluff over-looking Lake Huron, with extensive views of the surrounding country. As far as possible, the hand of man has not disturbed the natural beauties in the vicinity, and seated in one of the quaint summer houses, within sound of the music of the surf, it does not require a vivid imagination to think one's self out of the bounds of civilization.

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Another point of interest is Hodgens Bros. display of Furs; one does not expect to see such goods in Goderich, and the visitor evidently enjoys the surprise.

Still another, is Kelly's Jewellery Store; it has recently been re-modelled and presents a very fine appearance, outside of the larger cities, you will find few of its class in Canada. A very choice assortment of goods is carried including a large and varied assortment of souvenirs, there is a special department for watch repairing, in which line Mr. Kelly has attained an excellent reputation.

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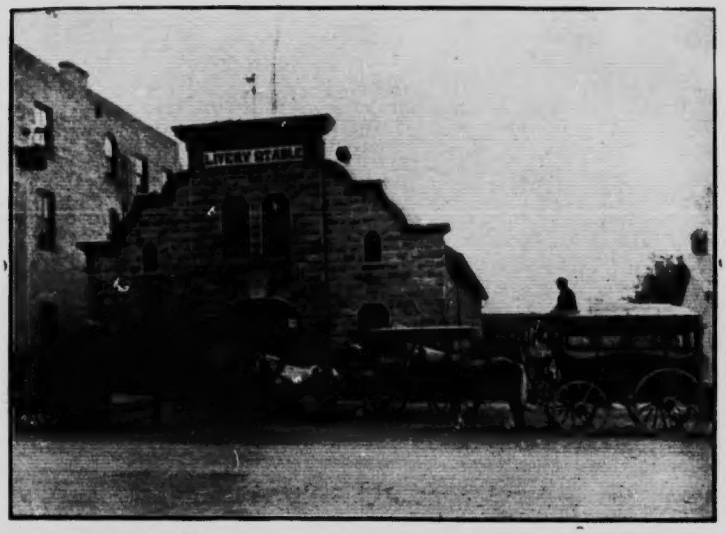

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